

edness due to said funds and the lien held upon said land for the benefit of said funds to secure the payment of the principal and interest to such person, firm or corporation, or for all sums due upon said land, and providing that the person, firm or corporation, that may pay said indebtedness shall be subrogated to all the rights, liens and remedies held and enjoyed by the State and declaring an emergency."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. For the purpose of securing the payment of all principal and interest now due and that which may hereafter become due upon any former sale, or upon any sale that may hereafter be made by the State of any public free school land, University land and the several asylums land, the State shall have an express lien for the use and benefit of the fund to which the land belongs in addition to any right and remedy that it now has for the enforcement of the payment of any principal or interest that may become due and be unpaid.

Sec. 2. If the owner of any land mentioned in this Act should consent for any person, firm or corporation "or the Federal Farm Loan Bank" to pay to the State the principal and interest due upon any obligation given for any land included in this Act, and such person, firm or corporation "or the Federal Farm Loan Bank" should make such payment, the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be authorized upon the written request of such owner duly acknowledged in the manner required for the conveyance of real estate coupled with an affidavit of ownership to execute, acknowledge and deliver a written transfer of the indebtedness held by the State to such person, firm or corporation or the Federal Farm Loan Bank as may be authorized to receive the transfer; provided, if the land claimed by the one representing himself to be the owner, should be held under such evidence of title as the law or rules of the General Land Office will not authorize or permit to be filed in said Land Office, then and in that event, the said Commissioner may, for the purpose of executing the

assignment or transfer herein provided for admit the owner to be such person, firm or corporation or the Federal Farm Loan Bank paying the indebtedness shall admit to be the owner, and upon such admission the instrument of transfer shall be executed; provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed to change in any particular whatever, the law or rules that obtain in the General Land Office relative to titles to land and the issuance of patents thereon.

Sec. 2a. Provided that no transfer of the State's lien or debt be made until the land, which is security for said lien or debt has been occupied for the full period of time, and in the manner as provided by law.

Sec. 3. Any person, firm or corporation or the Federal Farm Loan Bank that shall pay to the State the balance due upon any land included in this Act at the request of the owner as provided herein, shall be subrogated to all the rights, liens and remedies held by the State to secure and enforce the payment of the amount of principal and interest so paid to the State.

Sec. 4. The fact that owners of public lands can not now obtain benefits from the Federal Land Bank, and that there is no law authorizing the transfer of an indebtedness held by the State of Texas to persons, firms or corporations furnishing funds to take up the unpaid interest and purchase money therefor, creates an emergency, and an imperative public necessity exists requiring that the constitutional rule requiring that bills be read on three several days in each house of the Legislature be suspended, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1917.

The Senate met at 4:45 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President, Dean.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Hall.	Woodward!
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Prayer by Senator V. A. Collins.
Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Suiter.

Petitions and Memorials.

There were none today.

Committee Reports.

See appendix.

Bills and Resolutions.

There were none today.

Morning call concluded.

House Bill No. 50.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

H. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 29 of the General Laws of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the same being an Act establishing the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Suiter was passed finally.

House Bill No. 51.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

H. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 204 of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the same being an Act establishing a Junior Agricultural College east of the 96th meridian and north of the 31st parallel, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Suiter, was passed finally.

Senator Suiter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 29.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 123, page 320, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its Regular Session, so as to provide that said Act shall not apply to any act permitted by the statutes of the United States of America, or by the United States Army and Navy Regulations nor be construed to apply to a newspaper, periodical, book, pamphlet, circular, certificate, diploma, warrant, or commission of appointment to office, ornamental picture, article of jewelry or stationery for use in correspondence, on any of which shall be printed, painted, or placed said flag or flags, disconnected from any advertisement, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 29 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Caldwell.
Bee.	Clark.
Buchanan of Bell.	Collins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Dayton.

Dean. Lattimore.
Decherd. McNealus.
Floyd. Page.
Gibson. Parr.
Henderson. Robbins.
Hopkins. Strickland.
Hudspeth. Suiter.
Johnson of Hall. Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.

Absent.

Hall. Smith.
Harley. Woodward.
McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Caldwell, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 57.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an additional appropriation of the sum of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the contingent expenses of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened August 31, 1917, by proclamation of the Governor, providing how accounts may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 57 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice. Hopkins.
Bee. Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell. Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry. Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell. McNealus.
Clark. Parr.
Collins. Robbins.
Dayton. Smith.
Dean. Strickland.
Decherd. Suiter.
Floyd. Westbrook.
Gibson.

Absent.

Hall. McCollum.
Harley. Page.
Henderson. Woodward.
Lattimore.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Westbrook, was passed finally.

Senator Westbrook moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Reasons for Vote.

I vote "no" on this bill. I do not believe that we have authority to spend a contingent fund for the purpose of an investigation of the character proposed.

If the Legislature will pass an Act providing for a small committee from each body who will be authorized to select a governmental expert who will make a survey of the institutions of the State and then have this committee make a proper recommendation to the Legislature at a special session I will agree, but the character of investigation proposed will avail nothing except the expense incurred.

BEE.

Senate Bill No. 36.—House Amendments Concurred In.

Senator Floyd called up for consideration of the House amendment to

S. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Oakland Independent School District of Red River County; defining its boundaries, vesting it with the rights, powers and duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the General Laws; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The House amendment (which was a new set of field notes) was laid before the Senate, read and concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice. Caldwell.
Bee. Clark.
Buchanan of Bell. Collins.
Buchanan of Scurry. Dayton.

Dean.	Johnston of Harris.
Decherd.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Hopkins.	Strickland.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Hall.	McCollum.
Harley.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Lattimore.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Bills-Signed.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Dean, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read the following bills:

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal all special road laws heretofore enacted for Titus County, Texas, and to specifically repeal Chapter 106 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1913, and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 1, Requesting Congress to appropriate the "Cotton Tax Fund" to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows.

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation to repair the North Texas Hospital buildings for the Insane at Terrell and to construct and equip a sewage disposal plant at said hospital for the insane, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, of Chapter 83, approved March 16, 1917, relating to the prospecting and development of minerals in the public lands, so as to appropriate to the general revenue the proceeds arising from the royalties from oil and gas developed in areas other than land belonging to the public free school fund, the University fund, and the several asylum funds, instead of appropriating said proceeds to the game, fish and oyster funds, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of wild turkey, squirrels and furbearing animals in the counties of Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Liberty, Nacog-

doches and Tyler, providing a closed season in said counties, limiting the number of wild turkeys and squirrels to be killed by any one person, providing penalties for the violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that the General Land Office, the Agricultural Department and such other departments and offices of the State government as may be from time to time determined by the Governor shall occupy the new departmental building now being erected in the city of Austin at the corner of Brazos and East Eleventh streets, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Adjournment.

At 5:20 o'clock p. m., the Senate on motion of Senator Collins adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

APPENDIX:

Committee Reports.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. L. Dean, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Trinity County, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Gibson, Smith, Floyd, Buchanan of Scurry.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Sept. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. L. Dean, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to create a more efficient road system for Red River County, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Gibson, Smith, Floyd, Buchanan of Scurry.

Enrolling Committee Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. L. Dean, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that we have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 44, a copy of which accompanies this report, and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 5:10 o'clock p. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

By Caldwell.

S. B. No. 44.

An Act to provide that the General Land Office, the Agricultural Department and such other departments and offices of the State government as may be from time to time determined by the Governor shall occupy the new departmental building now being erected in the city of Austin at the corner of Brazos and East Eleventh streets, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The General Land Office, the Agricultural Department and such other departments and offices of the State government as may be determined by the Governor shall occupy the new departmental building now being erected in the city of Austin at the corner of Brazos and East Eleventh streets.

Sec. 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. The importance of the subject matter of this Act, the near approach of the end of the session and the crowded condition of the calendar creates an emergency and imperative public necessity demand-

ing that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and it is so suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Friday, Sept. 28, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Dean.

The roll was called, a quorum being present; the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Harley.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Collins.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.

Absent.

Johnson of Hall.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Erwin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Alderdice.

Excused.

Senator Hall for Wednesday and the remainder of the week on account of important business, on motion of Senator Bailey.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.